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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: MA Department of Public Health Staff

FROM: Mary Gilchrist, PhD

**DATE:** June 9, 2008

RE: Expanded Security

In an effort to increase laboratory security, the building wide proximity reader system will be expanded to include certain laboratory wings. Specifically, we will soon turn on the security proximity readers on the incoming side of the inner wing doors and the stairwell side of the stairwell doors housing laboratories which test for agents requiring additional personal protective equipment and security. These wings include 7 east, 7 west, 4 east, 4 west and 3 east. When locked down, access to these areas will require a new proximity card ID badge, which will be distributed during security training the week of June 9th. This additional security measure is meant to protect staff and the public.

Going forward, new ID badges will be assigned to new employees working in these areas. All employees who routinely work on these wings, regardless of laboratory or program, will be granted access. Security training is required before a new access badge is received; employees must attend one of the following trainings:

| Date               | Time                | Location   |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|
| Tuesday, June 10   | 9:00 am - 10:15 am  | Auditorium |
| Tuesday, June 10   | 11:00 am - 12:15 pm | Auditorium |
| Wednesday, June 11 | 10:00 am - 11:15 pm | Room 133   |
| Wednesday, June 11 | 2:00 pm - 3:15 pm   | Room 133   |
| Thursday, June 12  | 1:00 pm - 2:15 pm   | Room 133   |
| Thursday, June 12  | 3:00 pm - 4:15 pm   | Room 133   |

If you have any questions regarding this issue please contact Tanya Swanson at ext: 6664.